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POSSIBILITY OF EARTHQUAKE IN ASSAM REGION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the Tsunami disaster in December end 2004, the Scientists at the Centre for Earth Observing and Space Research in George Mason university in Virginia had cautioned that the sequence of aftershocks could trigger a very big earthquake in Assam region; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in the light of the said warning?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): No information has been received by the department. The seismic activity in North-east region is being closely monitored using the state-of-the-art digital seismographs. However, at present there is no scientific technique available anywhere in the world to forecast the occurrence of earthquakes in terms of time, location and magnitude.